

PORTER TO "GET" PORTER EXPOSED BY H. D. ALLMAN

Letter From Georgia Lawyer Reveals Attempt to Hit at Candidate "INVESTIGATOR" FAILS

Herbert D. Allman, chairman of the Franklin Party Campaign Committee, today charged that the Republican organization leaders have employed secret agents to investigate the public and private life of George D. Porter, independent candidate for mayor.

"Just as a leopard cannot change its spots, so, apparently, the dominant spirits of the contractors' organization cannot avoid reverting to their old tactics, and their latest efforts have been rather similar to Mr. Porter, his friends and political supporters," said Mr. Allman.

"Unable to answer the charges already made against them in this campaign, and being to find anything that they might attack or criticize in either the public or the private life of Mr. Porter during the more than 20 years that he has lived in Philadelphia, the contractor bosses have sent a secret agent to Tallapoosa, Ga., the home of his childhood and early youth, in an effort to procure something which they might use against him in this generally contest."

"Following is a copy of a letter received by Mr. Porter yesterday, written under date of October 13 by J. M. McBride, one of the most prominent attorneys in Georgia:

Dear Mr. Porter: I am writing you this information, thinking it might be worth something to you in your race. A man who said his name was from Philadelphia, came to see me at my house this afternoon to ask about you and your family while here. He said he was connected with the agency, and wished to get data from me to write up the story of your life, in case of your election.

This sounded a little bit "fishy" to me, as I thought, he could have more easily gotten his information there, but I proceeded to tell him all the good things I could think of about you and your people; not more than you so richly deserve, however.

Knowing you when you were a small boy, and watching you upward climb from that time, it is not so surprising that so many thousands of the good men and women of your great city have recognized in you the ability, honor and integrity necessary to the discharge of the duties of that high office.

Of course I know nothing of the politics or conditions in your city, but I do know that, irrespective of partisan politics, the people of Philadelphia could not elect a more capable and upright man as their Mayor, and I hope to hear of your triumphant election.

With kind regards, etc., I am Yours very truly, J. M. MCBRIDE.

"The method is not a new one on the contractors' machine. It must serve, however, as one more illustration to the public of how desperately weak is the candidacy of Thomas B. Smith."

"The effort which the above letter expresses, undoubtedly was undertaken in the hope of finding some flaw in the past life of Mr. Porter by which our opponents could distract attention from their candidate and the real issues of the campaign. We publicly invite them to the public every fact that their paid agent has been able to learn during his trip to Georgia to delve into the private life of George D. Porter when he was a lad of less than 15 years."

MISSING BOY FOUND BY MOTHER'S INTUITION Henry Barth, Who Disappeared Two Months Ago, Discovered in Trenton Shop

Henry Barth, who disappeared two months ago, returned today to his home, at 405 Ledy avenue.

WIFE ASSAILS HUSBAND ACCUSED OF THEFT

Woman Creates Scene in Federal Building, Where Letter Carrier Faces Authorities

A young wife shook the bars of the cell in which her husband was confined and taunted him with the fact of his arrest today in the United States Marshall's office in the Federal building, following the detention of David H. Duff, 37 years old, of Audubon, N. J., a letter carrier, charged with stealing money from letters.

Duff was trapped, the postal inspectors say, by marked bills placed in a letter addressed to George Whitehill, of 819 Market street. He is accused of taking from the letter \$1.50 yesterday afternoon after suspicion of other thefts had been directed against him. When he was confronted with the evidence Duff signed a confession, according to Chief Postal Inspector Corteyron.

After the scene in the marshal's office, Duff's father, Henry Duff, of 7th street and Indiana avenue, provided \$100 bail for him, and as he was leaving the building another encounter with his wife occurred. The woman, who is small and pretty, remarked that she had no money, and Duff offered her 50 cents. She threw it on the floor, grabbed him by the throat and, despite the difference in their size, shoved him against the wall.

"To think that I picked out a man like you," she screamed, "could kill you."

Duff then returned to the marshal's office, who witnessed the incident, and asked them to arrest his wife. They refused to take any part in the affair. Duff will appear for trial in the September term of the United States District Court. The bail was accepted by United States District Attorney Edwards.

According to Mrs. Duff, her husband's troubles have all been due to other women. She told the postal inspectors he had pawned every valuable he owned. She has had to work, she says, most of their married life.

CONNELLY OPENS CAMPAIGN

"Passes the Buck" in Answering Charge That Organization Plans Sale of Water Works

John P. Connelly, Republican Organization candidate for City Solicitor, in opening the Republican mayoralty fight at meetings held on the 21st, 24th and 25th Wards last, denied that he or any other Organization candidate is planning to sell the water works if the Organization gains control of the next Administration.

"No candidate on the Republican ticket possibly could favor the disposal of the water works," he said.

Connelly fired what Organization followers today termed "broadside" at the independents. They were charges to the effect that Mayor Blankenburg's Cabinet, of which George D. Porter, independent candidate for Mayor, was formerly a member, had seriously considered selling the water works for \$25,000,000 and the gas works for \$60,000,000.

Thomas B. Smith, Republican Organization candidate for Mayor, who had previously announced that he would not enter into personalities during the campaign, also spoke at the meetings, which were held at 419 Main street, Manayunk; the Union Republican Club, 29th street and Lancaster avenue, and at the Tom Reed Club, Broad and Butler streets.

The Organization mayoralty candidate promised many improvements but discussed them in a general way only. He flatly declared, however, that he would continue the Blankenburg policy of keeping the police and firemen out of politics.

Connelly, as proof of his charges against the Blankenburg administration, and George D. Porter, said that it is "significant that the list of contributors to the Franklin party campaign bears the name of George W. Norris, a former member of the cabinet of the present administration, who contributed \$500 for campaign expenses on September 17, 1915, and on September 20, 1915, made a loan of \$2000 to the present candidate for Mayor on the Franklin party ticket."

QUICK NEWS

AVIATOR KILLED LOOPING THE LOOP BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 16.—While attempting to loop-the-loop in an aeroplane here today, Francisco Beltramo fell to the ground and was instantly killed.

CALIFORNIA CHILDREN INVITE PRESIDENT TO FAIRS RENO, Nev., Oct. 16.—The monster petition of California school children inviting President Wilson to attend the two Expositions in California passed through here on the Overland Pacific, of the Southern Pacific, on its way to Washington. At every stop of the train hundreds of people were at the depots to cheer Mrs. Gaillard Stoney, the special appointee of President Charles C. Moore, of the San Francisco Fair, in charge of the party, and the children accompanying her and to wish them goodspeed. The party is due in Ogden, Utah, late this afternoon and is scheduled to reach Washington next Tuesday.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. GALT ON AUTO TRIP WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—President Wilson and his finance, Mrs. Norman Galt, accompanied by Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the President's niece, went on a long automobile trip through Maryland today. Leaving the White House about 9:30 o'clock, the President motored to Mrs. Galt's home, where she joined him. They then motored north from the city, passing through Frederick, Md. It was reported they were going to visit Harper's Ferry, W. Va., though this could not be verified.

Secretary to the President Tumulty and a party of friends left in automobiles for Harper's Ferry earlier in the day.

SICILIAN SULPHUR MINE AFIRE, MANY MEN KILLED ROME, Oct. 16.—The largest sulphur mine in Sicily, Cattanesetta, is on fire and many miners have been asphyxiated, according to reports here this afternoon.

LITTLE GIRL KILLS HER SISTER SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 16.—Five-year-old Anna Cologene was shot and instantly killed today by a shotgun in the hands of her 8-year-old sister Mary, who did not know it was loaded.

"I'll shoot you," said the older girl and pulled the trigger. The shot tore away the little girl's breast and blew off three fingers and a thumb.

WOMEN SPEAKERS GREET CARRANZA MONTEREY, Mex., Oct. 16.—General Venustiano Carranza, "First" Chief of the Constitutionalists, arrived here today and was given an enthusiastic greeting. A feature of the demonstration were speeches by a number of young Mexican women.

2000 TEACHERS KILLED, 8000 WOUNDED IN FRANCE PARIS, Oct. 16.—Since the beginning of the war 2000 French public school teachers have been killed on the battlefield and 8000 have been put out of service, according to statistics given out by the Ministry of Public Instruction. The number of mobilized teachers is 39,000. There have been 709 of them cited in army orders.

FIFTEEN KILLED, FIFTY HURT IN MOTORCAR WRECK MANHATTAN, Kan., Oct. 16.—Fifteen persons are reported to have been killed and 50 other injured, many seriously, when a northbound Union Pacific motorcar crashed through a washed-out bridge over Blue River near Ranolph, Kan., today. When the car left here there were 67 persons aboard, and the reports say only a few of them escaped injury. Dr. Louis Atwood, of Topeka, is one of the dead.

Five bodies had been removed from the wreck this afternoon. High water washed out the north approach of the bridge, and the motorcar up-ended into the 12 feet of water running through the washout. Motorcar Warner leaped and saved himself. Nearly all the passengers were Riley County teachers on their way to Randolph this morning for a teachers' convention.

CARRANZA DOLLARS NOW WORTH TEN CENTS WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Carranza dollars that two weeks ago were worth a nickel in the United States are now worth a dime, according to a dispatch received by the Carranza agency today. Recognition by the United States is held responsible for the increase.

The agency announced that Carranza plans to establish a Federal reserve system like that in this country.

MACHINISTS' STRIKE ENDED TORRINGTON, Conn., Oct. 16.—The strike of the 900 employees of the Hende Machine Company, which has been in progress for six weeks, was settled today, when the strikers agreed to return to work on Monday, accepting a schedule of 54 hours per week, 15 per cent. increase in wages and time and one-half for overtime.

BULGARIA MENACED BY REVOLUTION, ROME HEARS ROME, Oct. 16.—Extraordinary excitement prevails in Balkan circles here, composed entirely of sympathizers with the Allies. Secret intelligence from Bulgaria has inspired the feeling that a majority of the population, which undoubtedly is pro-Russian, may suddenly get the upper hand and overthrow something more than the mere Radoslavoff Cabinet.

GENERAL ELECTRIC OFFERS PEACE PLAN TO STRIKERS Committee Refers Company's Proposal to Employes

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Oct. 16.—Again renewing the offer of the General Electric Company of a working week of 52 1/2 hours, an increase of 5 per cent. in wages for the rest of the present year, and a 50-hour week, with an additional 5 per cent. increase in wages next year, G. E. Emmons, of the General Electric Company, today went over the strike situation with the grievance committee.

The offer contained the proviso, however, that this proposition shall endure only until Tuesday next. To evince the good intentions of the strikers they must return to work.

The Metal Trades Alliance has decided to refer the proposition to the various local unions so that a vote may be taken upon it. It refuses to act upon the plan without having first submitted it.

BOY BADLY HURT BY AUTO Five-year-old Lad in Serious Condition as Result of Injuries

Nathan Kaufman, 5 years old, of 1505 South 5th street, was playing on a pile of lumber at 4th and Moore streets. He jumped to the street directly in the path of a parcel post automobile. The driver steered the machine onto the sidewalk and nearly crashed into a house in an effort to avoid striking the boy, but the rear wheels caught him, breaking his hip and other bones, and probably fracturing his skull. He is in a critical condition in St. Sinal Hospital.

Herman Rose, of 136 North Faron street, chauffeur of the automobile, was held under \$500 bail today for a further hearing on November 16.

PORTER ASSAILS VARES IN DOWNTOWN WARDS

Franklin Party Candidate Says Prospect of Huge Contracts Prompted "Harmony"

George D. Porter, independent candidate for Mayor, invaded the Vares wards last night and warned the voters of South Philadelphia that the Organization leaders have their eyes on the \$200,000,000 worth of contracts that are to be let during the next four years.

He received an enthusiastic reception at all of the meetings he addressed. At 11th and Christian streets, in the 5d Ward, a band serenaded him before he entered the hall. A large crowd cheered him at 429 Tasker street, in the 1st Ward. His last stop was at the headquarters of the 4th Ward committee, Passyunk avenue and South street.

"Why are our friends, the Vares and Jim McNichol, so anxious to win this time?" he challenged at every meeting.

"It's easy. They know there's going to be \$200,000,000 spent, and they want to put themselves in a position to line their own pockets. Now, it is up to you to displace this piratical crew that has been plundering our city for so long. Look them over. I have never been able to buy a mansion on South Broad street or in Ambler or in Logan square and have a summer home at Atlantic City and a yacht besides."

Mr. Porter directed special attention to Congressman Vares' "desertion of his army" in withdrawing from the mayoralty race in favor of Thomas B. Smith. "In Philadelphia," he said, "you have a man who has been able to muster a great army of voters, and he boldly marched his men up to the firing line. When he reached the firing line and saw the enemy he quickly deserted his army. If this leader felt that he was not entitled to the Republican nomination he should not have gone through with his maneuvers."

The Legal Committee of the Franklin party has asked the courts to strike off the ballot nominations of Republican Organization candidates in four divisions of the 46th Ward and one division of the 36th Ward. Francis F. Burch and Edward S. Smith, who filed the papers for the objects, appealed to Judge Breintz, in Common Pleas Court No. 1 yesterday afternoon, to strike off the nominations of the Republican Organization candidates for judge and inspector of elections and assessor in the 25d, 28th, 30th and 33d divisions of the 46th Ward, and the 3d division of the 36th Ward. In a statement, T. Henry Walnut, chairman of the Legal Committee of the Franklin party, said that no use has been made of the title of "Franklin party," which was preempted by Lieutenants of Harry A. Mackey in the 46th Ward.

GULF FLIGHT ARRIVES HERE

Steamship Attacked by U-Boat and Cause of Controversy Docks at Marcus Hook

The American tank steamship Gulf-light, which was badly damaged by a torpedo from a German submarine on May 1, off the Scilly Islands, arrived here today, on her first voyage to this port since the attack. The vessel, with a cargo of crude oil from Port Arthur, Tex., docked at Marcus Hook. Captain Smith is in command. The attack on the Gulf-light caused considerable controversy with Germany, and for a time the international relations were severely strained.

Jobless Man Ends Life

Despondency resulting from being out of work and heavily burdened with debts, the police say, caused Joseph Sullivan, 42 years old, of 1227 South 29th street, to drink poison in the kitchen of his home last night. His wife entered the room before he had drunk the contents of the bottle. She notified the police and Sullivan was taken to St. Agnes' Hospital in a perilous condition. He will recover, according to hospital physicians.

HILLSTROM CONFRONTED WITH LONG LIST OF CHARGES

Man Reprimanded by President Mute in Presence of Pardon Board

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Oct. 16.—Joe Hillstrom was confronted at the Pardon Board meeting here today with a long criminal record.

The I. W. W. poet, convicted of murder, saved by President Wilson from the firing squad October 1, was declared to have been a McNamara aide in nationwide dynamiting and to have been arrested in Butte during the labor troubles there, as well as having participated in the attempted I. W. W. invasion of Mexico from California.

Confronted also with evidence of having been arrested in Layton, Utah, and San Pedro, Cal., Hillstrom maintained the silence that has led even his own lawyers to suggest "he wants to become a martyr" in the I. W. W. Hillstrom was charged with shooting a Layton Deputy Sheriff in 1911, but was released for lack of evidence. The San Pedro charge was that he had held up a street car.

When President Wilson obtained a 16-day stay for Hillstrom the effect was to put off the execution for a considerably longer time. The District Court must fix a new date for the death penalty if the Pardon Board again refuses to commute Hillstrom's sentence.

MAYOR ANSWERS CONNELLY

Blankenburg Attacks Truth of Charge He Planned Waterworks Sale

Brief comment was made today by Mayor Blankenburg upon the statement of Attorney John P. Connelly, Organization candidate for City Solicitor, who declared last night that the Mayor's Cabinet had considered plans for the disposal of the water and gas works.

"Senator McNichol's candidate for Mayor seems to have been consigned to the last line of trenches," said the Mayor, "while Mr. Connelly has evidently been placed on the firing line. He does not care how many blank cartridges he fires as long as they serve his political aspirations. His blank cartridges do not harm anybody, but they make a lot of noise. If Mr. Connelly felt himself bound by normal standards of accuracy and veracity, his rhetorical flight would be much less interesting. More anon."

Report of Villa's Death Denied

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—At the Villa agency here today the report of the general's death was officially denied. It was stated that messages from Villa, sent out by him last night, had been received today.

Owner Locates Runaway Team by Following Stream of Produce

A trail of vegetables, from Dock street, up 2d street to Germantown avenue and then to 4th street and Montgomery avenue, may prove the assertion of Carl Schmidt, of 135 Armet street, that a team of horses and a wagon belong to him.

Schmidt went down to the docks this morning to stock up with vegetables for a hungry populace in Kensington. Molly and Polly, two prancing little broncos from a Western State, pulled the wagon. Some one pulled Molly's tail while Schmidt was making his purchases. Molly shied; so did Polly, and before any one knew what had happened they were off at a gallop, the wagon swaying from side to side.

Fred Nuttal, of 5615 Eutaw street, was dousing on the wagon when the team bolted. He fell off and injured his ankle. Schmidt immediately started to follow the team, and several hours later caught up with it at 4th street, and Montgomery avenue, where Policeman Herring had stopped the horses.

Schmidt immediately put in a claim for the team, but the policeman asked for proof. Consequently Schmidt had to go to Magistrate Glenn's office today and make an affidavit.

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Facts Versus Fallacies FACT is a real state of things. FALLACY is an apparently genuine but really illogical statement or argument.

AN able editorial from the Chattanooga Times has this to say of Prohibition—and remember, too, that Tennessee is a Prohibition State. Says the Times: "THERE is some satisfaction in knowing that this is not the only time, or ours the only people, distracted by the proposition to control men's appetites by law. Oliver Cromwell, we are told, once wrote to the Scotch clergy: 'I prefer that Englishmen should be free rather than sober by compulsion.' Further he said: 'Your pretended fear lest error should step in, is like the man who would keep all the wine out of the country lest men should be drunk. It will be found an unwise and unjust jealousy to deprive a man of his natural liberty upon a supposition that he may abuse it. When he doth abuse it, judge.' This is a very clear exposition of the attitude of the rational opponents of what is known as statutory prohibition."

IN this very able editorial, the Times goes on to say: "If we are to have strong men, men who have control over their evil propensities and who are armed against the abuses of privileges, we must have them self-reliant, self-disciplined and fully cognizant of their own responsibility for their own acts. Men of that quality cannot be made by laws. We have been in the law-making business in this country now for something more than a century, and we are still at it in an increasing ratio. Ex-President Taft the other day told an audience in North Carolina that Congress within the past five years had passed 45,000 laws. The tendency of the times being to yield to the dangerous magic of 'Be It Enacted.' It is the inevitable conclusion of investigators that every law passed calls for another and sometimes two or three others; and so we are rapidly becoming a law-ridden nation, every new enactment being a recognition in form of the notion that instead of becoming better, human nature is steadily growing worse, so much so that the 'righteous' have to interfere with regulations in order to prevent an overflow of iniquity."

IN conclusion, the newspaper drives home this thought: "The most demoralizing feature of the propaganda in Tennessee is that it is made the stalking horse for a lot of politicians who could gain favor in no other way and whose presence in the public service has driven the strong, able and constructive leaders into practical retirement. What Cromwell prophesied has come to pass—it has been found to be 'unwise and unjust jealousy to deprive a man of his natural liberty upon the supposition that he may abuse it.'" ONCE more is shown the FALLACY that because a man has access to alcoholic beverages he is certain to become an inebriate—when it is a FACT that 99 out of every 100 men who use liquor do so in a moderate and temperate manner. Philadelphia Lager Beer Brewers' Association

Rich Richards Almanac Geographically, no city divides into zones of strong buyers, fair buyers and non-buyers. But adventurously Philadelphia hath a zone of the strong-est buying power—the zone covered by the Public Ledger.

Rich Richards Almanac

HONORS PARENTS IN WILL Ellen M. McHenry Leaves \$100 for Memorial Window in Church

The will of Ellen M. McHenry, of 1711 Ocean street, added to probate today, bequeaths \$100 to the Immaculate Conception Church, Ardleigh street and Center street, for a memorial window in the father and mother, and \$100 to the Young Men's Association connected with the church. The rest of the estate, which is valued at \$1000, goes to relatives.

Other heirs probated were those of Daniel G. Eddy, late of 400 North 23d street, who left effects valued at \$7,000; Margaret Hemphill, 362 Oxford street, died 1909; and Clarence Briscoe, 204 South 19th street, 1909. The personality of the estate of Jean Gibson has been appraised at \$20.

New Firemen's Eligibility Rule Because the fireman who was the subject of the book you read when a boy is a "strapping six-footer," don't think you can be no less however you are lithe and lissle. Yesterday the City Fire Commission ruled that men 5-foot 6 inches tall would in the future be eligible for positions as firemen in the City Fire Department.

There must be between 27 and 27 1/2 years of age between 27 and 27 1/2 years of age. A minimum chest measurement of 34 inches. The age rule also holds for the Department. Filbert 2212

Awnings Taken Down Repairing Free Awning stored, repaired during winter for re-hanging in spring; nominal charge. WEDDING CANOPES Bernard McCurdy 110 NORTH 7TH STREET